

POLITICS ARE NOW AT A STANDSTILL

Parties Are Waiting For Governor to Make a Move.

DOLE HESITATING ON APPOINTMENT OF BOYD

Rumor That Laukae Will be Installed as Superintendent of Public Works—Dole Pays a Few Visits.

The situation in political circles today is about as it was yesterday with the exception that the plot begins to thicken and the complications begin to take on a more complicated form. No one seems to know just what is going to happen. Since Messrs. J. H. Boyd, W. H. Wright and Col. Laukae have been endorsed for the positions of Superintendent of Public Works, Treasurer and Commissioner of Public Lands, respectively, by both parties and, since the Governor, notwithstanding this fact, has not yet announced any appointments to these places, people do not know what to think.

It is an open secret that Governor Dole is opposed to J. H. Boyd and it is also quite freely whispered about that there is a movement on hand to put Col. Laukae in as Superintendent of Public Works and Mr. Boyd as Commissioner of Public Lands.

At all events, Governor Dole appears to be a bit worried. He came into town today, very much improved in health and, after a season at the Capitol, went to the office of Senator Cecil Brown. From there, he went over to the Judd building, held a conference with Mr. Thurston, Justices Frear and Perry and P. C. Jones at the latter's office. After a talk with him, he returned to the ground floor and talked with Messrs. Kinney and Ballou.

In the meantime, neither party is doing anything. The Independent leaders when asked this morning about what they intended doing with the Appropriation bill, said that they had not formed a plan of action. However, they seem to be set in their determination to cut down the salaries of the various departments without heads. If the Governor refuses to put in the men that have been recommended by both the Republican and Independent parties.

Senator Cecil Brown said: "The Republican Senators have had no caucus yet on the Appropriation bill. The subject has not been considered at all, heretofore and I would not know what to state as the policy of the Republicans. Whether we will work for a bill in line with the recommendations of the Governor is a thing I do not know. I have not studied the subject myself and have no individual conclusions to offer. I do not suppose the Republican Senators will hold any conference before the opening of the special session. The business will then come up and until then I know nothing."

The Board of Health is a question that the Governor will have to settle for himself. So far, neither the Independents nor the Republicans have made recommendations. Indeed, action on the Governor's appointments came so late that it was hardly possible to make recommendations before the close of the session. Neither party will now make any move toward the personnel of the Board of Health.

Senator Cecil Brown said that the Governor's call at his office this morning had nothing to do with politics, and that the subject of appointments was not mentioned.

Father T. P. McLaughlin, the well known New York lecturer, will leave for the Mainland in the near future. The father pronounces himself well pleased with Honolulu.

WILCOX WILL LEAVE

Delegate Robert Wilcox intends to leave for the Mainland in the Mariposa. This is sooner than he had anticipated leaving Hawaii's shores but the present crisis in the political affairs of the country has made his departure necessary.

It is a well known fact that Mr. Wilcox's mission to the Mainland is being undertaken solely for the purpose of presenting personally to President McKinley, the facts in connection with the recent charges of bribery made by Governor Dole against the Legislature and of calling the President's attention to other little happenings during the session of the Legislature that has just ended. He will also carry with him the memorial of both houses asking for the removal of Mr. Dole from office.

It is said that the disclosures made to a committee of the House with reference to the trip of J. F. Brown to Washington will also be placed before the President of the United States while he is in San Francisco.

Mr. Wilcox has had frequent talks with the people and has come to the conclusion that what is most wanted by them is the removal of Mr. Dole. As soon as he has completed his mission, he will probably return to Honolulu.

THE FIRE CLAIMS COMMISSION WORK

Fred W. Macfarlane, the chairman of the fire claims commission appointed in accordance with the provisions of the act providing for the inquiry into the claims for damages incurred by the fires ordered by the Board of Health was seen this morning by a Bulletin reporter with reference to the work entrusted to the commission. Mr. Macfarlane spoke as follows:

"I am just now very busy looking for quarters for the commission. My first thought was to obtain quarters in the Capitol or Judiciary buildings but it is impossible to get any place there, every room being occupied. However, on second thought, I am glad that we could not find quarters there for, with the coming on of the hot weather, I think we should have a place near the center of the city."

"I have found an excellent place for our purposes in the second floor of the Castle & Cooke building and I think we will do our work there. It is much cooler and better in every respect than in any place I have looked at so far."

"No, our officers have not yet been elected. There will be a clerk, a stenographer and a draftsman and all the applications are in for these positions. The commission will meet for the first time on Monday next for the purpose of organization. At that time, we will pick out the best men in the list of applications for the three offices which I have named."

Recital By Bainbridge.

This evening Bainbridge, a wandering Bohemian, will give his unique recital under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., when he will be ably assisted by Mrs. Bainbridge. The recital will comprise strange experiences and escapes in various countries, meetings with great people of the day, jokes and humorous anecdotes—wonderful highway carriages on the blackboard; the recital of original compositions and many other items. Mrs. Bainbridge will discourse the music of the masters in a manner seldom witnessed by one so young. The price of admission is remarkably small and a large audience will undoubtedly be present. Tickets at Wall, Nichols & Co. and the Y. M. C. A.

A Celebrated Pianist.

The Healan minstrels will meet at 7:15 this evening on account of the Myrtle dance later on. A full attendance is desired but little time is left in which to practice. Every one must be out next Tuesday evening as the full program will be rehearsed for the first time.

The boys announce that they have a treat in store for the music loving people of Honolulu in the shape of a pianist of remarkable ability. "Imported at enormous expense." Some of his favorite selections are Paderewski's most famous compositions and he will be sure to bring down the house.

Some Plumbers Win.

C. H. Brown, the King street plumber, has acceded to the demand of the journeymen plumbers for wages of \$6 per day. On April 30, he had five men at work at the old rate but on May Day he raised them a dollar all around and they stayed with their jobs. The action of Mr. Brown has encouraged the plumbers in their belief that their demands are reasonable and will eventually be approved by the master plumbers.

The Elford Theatrical Company to arrive in the Sierra will open in Quo Vadis at the Orpheum on the 16th inst.

Captain Tom Clark returned from Kaulaakal in the Claudine this morning.

A pump, engine and two water tanks are wanted. See ad on page 8.

The steamer Coptic was sighted off Barber's Point at 1 p. m.

JOHN EMMELUTH'S OPEN LETTER TO GOV. S. B. DOLE

Sanford B. Dole.

Sir:—As Governor of this Territory you have made reply to a concurrent resolution of the Legislature relative to your charges of bribery of its members. Owing to the reply having been addressed to the Senate and coming at the close of the session, I have not had an opportunity to criticize the same as I would rather have done on the floor of the House. By courtesy of the Editor of the Bulletin I take this means of conveying to you my views on your attitude in this matter.

Your reply reads in part as follows: "I had information of a character that I could not ignore; that bribery of members was going on in the Legislature, and I deemed such information sufficient grounds for refusing an extension of the session."

"General charges of bribery of members of the Legislature have been freely made in the local newspapers from time to time from an early period of this session, and a charge of the existence of a corruption fund for the defeat of pending legislation was made some weeks ago on the floor of the Senate; yet the Legislature has shown no disposition to investigate such charges."

"The government is investigating these reports and will endeavor to expose and punish the offenders if legal evidence can be obtained."

Coming from the Executive head of a Territory, newly organized under the Constitution and flag of the United States, the tenor of your reply would indicate an overweening desire to safeguard by every means in your power, the constitutional rights of the people of this Territory—a zealous vigilance which would not even let "hearsay" go unchallenged.

Were the motives underlying your course of action in this matter based on such lofty sentiments, as one, ignorant of our local conditions, would be justified in assuming from the text of your reply: you are actuated by that high moral sense of political duty which the sentiments you express might indicate, were your purpose to create that tone of purity in the affairs of this government which I consistently advocated and persistently adhered to would yield from class domination, you would earn the everlasting gratitude and have the unbounded confidence and support of the whole community.

Have you, Mr. Governor, since the 14th day of June of last year, evinced a desire or made an effort on lines which would admit of the conclusion that four present purpose is to ferret out corruption of legislators was part of a consistent line of action which had actuated you in the past? I submit that the facts do not bear out such a theory as to your policy.

Replace the word "Legislature" by "Republican Central Committee," "pending legislation" by "the rights of the people," "on the floor of the Senate" by "in the public prints and on the streets of this city" and you have a charge of a most serious character against the moneyed class of this community, for it is a matter of notoriety that the Governor must have had information of and which should have constituted "sufficient grounds for government inquiry," etc., an inquiry which if even superficially attempted would have shown that the money crowd of this city forced their policy on their fellow partisans through a threat of withholding the corruption fund without which it was known the party would have no show in the ensuing elections.

The "high moral plane" of today was not yet whetted when these things were in evidence, and you best know the reason why.

Later on in the canvass preceding the election there was constant evidence of a large amount of money being spent by the parties opposing the Home Rule element for the purpose of alienating voters from that party. It was not only a matter of every day criticism by the candidates of the Home Rule element in their speech making, and in consequence frequently noted in the press of the city; it had not only thorough and ocular demonstration in the presence of a free and always open bar which was maintained in the headquarters of one of the political parties; it was primarily in evidence when a committee of that party arbitrarily assessed almost every business house in this city to raise funds for this wholesale debauchery and in most cases, the sums so assessed were paid for the sole and acknowledged purpose of improperly influencing the voters at the first Territorial election.

The determination "to do or die" for the dear people was still unborn when these things were in evidence.

I now charge that the collective expenses of the parties opposing the Home Rule element at the election last year were not less than \$50,000; that the assessment and collection of the sums aggregating this amount were made in the most open, barefaced, arbitrary and shameful manner; that the expenditures were made on lines which were expected to produce the results which are herein charged as aimed at, is evident by the very character of those expenditures as made during the campaign.

I go further, and charge that had the high moral sense of duty which would seem to be actuating the Governor of this Territory at the present time been in evidence prior to and immediately after the election to the end that the purity of the ballot be maintained; had there been that tireless vigilance which animates one thoroughly desirous of seeing pure government, then I charge that two persons now and during this session, members of the Senate, would not have sat therein.

I charge that your attitude and action at this time and in this matter, is a mere subterfuge by which it is sought to cover a dereliction of duty in the past. When action would have been plainly in the interests of the people, you were silent. When the class which today dominates your every action were most perniciously active against the common interest, you were not heard. I maintain that your attitude at this time is prompted by nothing more than a private and personal purpose, a purpose which is not for the purity of the Legislature nor yet for the more noble end that the rights of the whole people may be properly conserved. Were you sincere in your attitude as outlined in your reply to the Legislature you could have no firmer supporter than your humble servant.

I believe that if any member of this Legislature has been unduly influenced, that it is the duty not only of the Governor, but of every honest member of the Legislature who is desirous of securing the public weal, to see that both the bribe taker and the bribe giver are placed where they can do no more harm to the public interests. I believe this is not only the attitude of myself but of every member of my party in this Legislature today. I demand this not only for myself but for the whole Hawaiian people.

We are earnestly desirous of seeing the political conditions of this country placed on a higher plane than has been possible under the centralized conditions of the past, conditions which I faithfully criticized and reviewed would furnish food for thought for the moralist and social reformer and statesman alike.

I charge further, Mr. Governor, that you have taken this attitude and brought these charges and insinuations as a mere cloak for the perpetuation of a more ignoble, self-seeking and unrighteous condition than you claim exists in the Legislature today. As one of the members of the Home Rule party I challenge you to formulate a policy which would bring to the bar of justice the persons and wipe out the iniquitous political practices I have herein charged against them as having been practiced before and during the late elections. A policy embodying principles that would make for the happiness, welfare and permanent good of all the people, that would wipe out all of those distinctions and class advantages which have made life harder for the people of the country, that would give to us here that freedom from oppressive laws and conditions which is the heritage of all Americans, and I declare that any such policy will receive the approbation and adherence of all the people of the Territory regardless of party relations.

Let me ask you if "general charges" on the street would count in your estimation as "probable cause," to make inquiry into the rumor current immediately after the elections that a corruption fund was being started and that a certain "reputable" firm of this city had subscribed \$5000 thereto, as this may supply a missing link in the chain you would lead us to believe is now being "forged" around the personal actions of some of our legislators.

In conclusion, I charge you, Mr. Governor, to pursue this matter with the same diligence and regard for the public interest that I would myself have used had you not denied the Legislature the opportunity to probe the charges you so flippantly made against its membership—by taking advantage of the situation created in reaching the time limit of the regular session. The extension necessary to making such inquiry being thereby left entirely within your discretion.

I do not wish to shirk my duty as a citizen because prevented from working more effectively as a legislator, and therefore offer you such services and assistance as I may be able to render should you undertake an inquiry on the lines and into the conditions herein suggested.

Yours for equality,
JOHN EMMELUTH.

J. J. Belsar, who secured the contract of clearing thirty acres of the land set apart for the Agricultural Station has started to work with a gang of men. Sugl, a Japanese, will begin clearing a tract of twenty acres within a few days.

If you want to buy a first class, guaranteed camera for one quarter less than you would have to pay for the same article in New York city, drop in to the HONOLULU PHOTO SUPPLY CO. and ask to see their reduced stock.

DRAMATIC CLOSE OF FEDERAL COURT

Acquittal of Sodergren Disturbs Course of Justice.

FEDERAL ATTORNEY BAIRD MAKES REBUKING SPEECH

Says No Use to Try Walsh Before This Jury Therefore Moves His Discharge.

The first regular term of the United States Court in the Territory of Hawaii came to a dramatic close this morning.

When the case of the United States vs. Walsh, charged with assault upon the high seas, was called, Attorney Baird arose and moved for a continuance of two weeks in order that the present jury might be discharged and a new jury impaneled in its place for the trial of the case.

The deliberate, determined and almost trembling voice of Col. Baird brought everybody in the court room to the point of intense attention. Attorney Kinney for the prisoner, moved uneasily and members of the jury exchanged peculiar glances as the usual motion of the prosecuting attorney was presented to the court.

Kinney arose to reply. With a wave of his arm, Judge Estee said: "You oppose the motion?" "Yes," said Mr. Kinney. "The Court denies the motion," said Judge Estee.

Attorney Baird arose a second time and began to address the court. When he had gotten to the words, "I move that a nolle prosequi be entered in behalf of Walsh," Attorney Kinney got up and nervously paced the floor. When Baird took his seat, Kinney addressed the Court but was waived aside. "I have a right to speak," said he. "The Court will not hear you," said the Judge, and then, continuing, he said: "The prisoner is discharged, his bondsman released; members of the jury you are excused for the term."

E. R. Adams, foreman of the jury in the acquittal of T. O. Sodergren yesterday, then arose and addressed the Court but was waived aside.

Court adjourned and, the surprised jury, the astonished prisoner and puzzled attorneys, walked out.

The motions of Attorney Baird which created the sensational closing of the Federal term, were based on the action of the following jury in its acquittal of F. O. Sodergren yesterday: O. G. Traphagen, E. R. Adams, J. K. Merseberg, A. B. Springour, W. F. Sharratt, E. C. Winston, E. C. Rowe, W. L. Eaton, St. C. B. Sayres, E. Henriques, Chas. Carter and J. H. Stelling.

The charge made was one of assault upon the high seas in which the complaining witness was a mere boy. The Federal Attorney said: "In view of the occurrences yesterday and last night the futility of trying this charge against Walsh before a jury drawn from this panel, is apparent." When the continuance was denied, Mr. Baird continued: "I do not wish to reflect upon this Court but I consider it will be a travesty on justice to bring this particular case before this particular jury. I have asked that the case be continued. The Court denies it. I now have but one resort left. That is to ask that a nolle prosequi be entered for the prisoner at bar and that he be allowed to go as free as he was before an indictment was framed."

"My reasons are, that this is the first term of the United States Court ever held in Hawaii. In all these indictments, ample evidence to convict was produced before the Grand Jury. The example of yesterday demonstrates to me that it is worse than useless to expect convictions where the United States is prosecuting. In all my years as a prosecuting attorney or a defender of criminals I have never yet seen a clearer case of guilt than in that of yesterday in this court."

"I am individually responsible for what I say. I never saw a case that clamored for justice like that one. The testimony was uncontradicted. Such a miscarriage of justice as we saw yesterday makes me say for one, that I will not continue to allow such travesties to occur. I can move to acquit as well as twelve Jurymen. I may be blamed but I cannot allow this worse than travesty on justice to continue. I move the discharge of the prisoner and the discharge of the jury."

Before adjourning court, Judge Estee said: "The Court most heartily endorses most of what was said by the District Attorney." When foreman E. R. Adams wished to explain, the Court said: "No. You made your speech in the jury room."

The band and a large crowd of people were at the Navy wharf this morning to see the transport Solace off for Guam and Manila. The vessel got away soon after 10 o'clock although she was expected to leave much sooner. Commander Winslow, with his dog Bearie, were on the bridge as the vessel left the wharf.

Meeting of Oahu College Trustees

The trustees of Oahu College held a meeting this morning and adopted plans for a new building for the preparatory department. They authorized the preparation of specifications and the calling for tenders. The building will be situated on the grounds at Oahu College instead of at the corner of Beretania and Miller streets, as had formerly been planned. The Miller lot will be sold and also the lot on which the preparatory school at present stands at the head of Richards street.

The new building will be a large two story concrete structure, with sixteen class rooms, besides a large assembly hall and other incidental rooms. The basement may be used for manual training purposes until a separate building is erected for such purposes.

The trustees propose to put in water works for the purpose of supplying College Hill lots with water and it is probable that another auction sale of lots will be held in the near future.

Conferences at the Capitol.

Governor Dole was at the executive office this morning from 11 o'clock until noon. During this hour he held audience with Messrs. Laukae, E. S. Boyd, Attorney General Dole, Chief Justice Frear, Secretary Cooper and W. G. Irwin on the matter of making appointments to fill vacancies in the departments. It is said that the Governor will not announce any decision he may reach in these matters until after the appointees have either accepted or rejected the places.

KINDERGARTEN MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society was held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors this morning. The reports as usual showed the schools in good condition. The health of the children was the subject of a special report. Generally the health of pupils is good. At Palama school, the children are afflicted more than at any other place.

Mrs. Weaver, who gave up her work at Castle Home to take the management of Lunallilo Home, is succeeded by Mrs. Bettis, who will soon assume charge.

The day nursery has taken care of an average of twelve children per day for the month of April.

Why Dole Changed His Mind.

It was learned today that the pressure brought to bear on Governor Dole by the country members of both parties in the Legislature to call the extra session as soon as possible, was the cause for the change of mind of the Executive and his settling the time for next Wednesday. It will be remembered that the Governor's original intention was to put off the extra session for a month or two.

Willie Roth of Honolulu was beaten at tennis in the U. of C. Stanford tourney by McGavin of the University of California. The score was 6-1, 8-6, 6-3. In the doubles Roth and Dick Adams lost to Selby and McGavin, the latter team winning every set played.

Camarinos receives for his refrigerators all the California fruits of the season by every cold storage steamer. He always has on hand a stock of fresh apples, grapes, oranges, etc. Send your orders by phone, No. Main 378.

Olan stock is still advancing. This morning it sold for \$5.25 on change. One hundred and nine shares were sold at that figure and the sale of 100 shares at the same price was reported from the street.

Chief Engineer Allen of the Doric was about town yesterday seeing friends he missed through the quarantine last time the Doric was here.

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FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Black Calf
Black Vici
Black Goat
Black Embroidered

Tan Calf
Tan Vici
Tan Goat
Patent Leather

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College Hills

We wish to announce to the public that, by the terms of a contract just signed, the

ELECTRIC ROAD of the RAPID TRANSIT CO.

Will be immediately extended through College Hills, following the line of our main boulevard.

Construction will begin AT ONCE, and the road will be in operation within four months, giving a 20-minute service.

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